

I cannot speak especially eloquently or with any specialized knowledge.

I just want the FCC to hear an ordinary DSL consumer.

Choice is important!!

One wonders about the validity of wholesale rates if PacBell is able to offer DSL at the lowest price in town.

Yet, I pay more for another ISP because of better customer service.

But, I can barely afford to pay more and I know at least 10 individuals who wanted to go with another ISP, but just couldn't afford the extra \$20/month.

ISPs need to be able to not only exist, but thrive, so there is healthy competition and choice.

If it were up to the phone companies, we wouldn't even have DSL.

Small businesses would be stuck paying exorbitant prices for T-1 and consumers would be stuck paying exorbitant prices for ISDN.

Please realize, once competition is killed, it cannot be revived.